

The present invention relates to polyoxymethylene molding compositions having particularly high stability. These compositions are particularly useful for producing low-emission moldings and the like, such as colored moldings with low emissions. Claim 1 as amended recites the particular features of the molding composition which make it unique and which distinguish the composition from the prior art, particularly the prior art cited and applied by the Examiner in the outstanding Office Action. Although the five references cited in the Action disclose isolated features of the present invention, these references each taken alone do not disclose the overall combination of features as recited in claim 1 as amended. Additionally, these references fail to suggest the combination of features recited in claim 1. Accordingly, claim 1 is directed to patentable subject matter and Notice to that effect is respectfully requested.

Dependent claims 4 and 11 are also believed to be patentable for the reasons noted above.

Accordingly, in the absence of additional prior art of increased pertinency, the present application is believed to be in condition for allowance and Notice to that effect is respectfully requested.

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APPENDIX 1 - MARKED UP COPY OF CLAIMS

1. (Amended) A molding composition made from linear polyoxymethylene copolymers which essentially have oxymethylene units and oxyethylene units as structural units in the polymer chain, where the proportion of oxyethylene units in the structural units of the polymer chain is from 1.5 to 2.5 mol%[, preferably from 1.85 to 2.25 mol%] , the molding composition having a formaldehyde emission, measured on sheets of wall thickness 1 mm after 24 hours in storage, in accordance with VDA 275, of less than 15 mg/kg and a modulus of elasticity in accordance with ISO 527 of from 2400 to 3100 N/mm<sup>2</sup>, a yield stress in accordance with ISO 527 of from 60 to 70 N/mm<sup>2</sup> and a notched impact strength in accordance with ISO 179 at 23°C of from 4 to 12 mJ/mm<sup>2</sup>.

4. (Twice Amended) A molding composition as claimed in claim 1, [which comprises] including antioxidants, acid scavengers, stabilizers and colorants.

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